

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MR. WILMOT N. SUMMERALL III

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, Wilmot N. Summerall III, for his more than 33 years of service within the civilian leadership of the Department of Defense. It is my great pleasure to recognize his achievements and to thank him and his family for their service to the Navy and our nation.

Mr. Summerall began his public service as a mining engineer with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and is concluding his career as Executive Director for the Combatants Office, Program Executive Office, Ships, where he oversees one of the most complex acquisition portfolios in the Navy—including more than \$36 billion in new construction programs, encompassing \$16 billion currently under contract and \$20 billion in future programming. Highly respected throughout the DoD acquisition community for his unsurpassed knowledge, unwavering perseverance, and the courage of his convictions, he leaves a long and lasting legacy to our nation—both through his unparalleled contributions to the strength and flexibility of our Navy's surface forces and through the generation of professionals that he has mentored during his time in federal service.

Mr. Summerall has a long and distinguished career of innovative thinking and aggressive execution of shipbuilding programs across the entire spectrum of naval shipbuilding. Since joining the federal service in 1978, which includes becoming a member of the Senior Executive Service in 2004, he has held a variety of key leadership roles, including senior positions with the Naval Sea Systems Command and the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller. A visionary leader and revered expert in the field of defense acquisition, Mr. Summerall has led the Navy's surface combatant shipbuilding activities through some of the most challenging and dynamic times of our modern Navy—with vision, insight, and determination. Challenged to help build the Surface Fleet of the future in a profoundly austere fiscal environment, he has worked relentlessly to foster support and understanding for leading edge ship programs at the highest levels of the Navy, Defense, and Congress. He truly leads by example, consistently compelled to do the right thing on behalf of our nation's Sailors and Marines—America's sons and daughters—who serve on the products he has tirelessly supported. His efforts have helped result in a monumental leap forward in the strength and capability of the Navy's current and future Surface Fleet.

In 2004, Mr. Summerall joined the Program Executive Office, Ships, where he played a critical role in defining and fielding the Navy's

future Surface Fleet. During his tenure and as a result of his sound stewardship, the Navy has commissioned 19 surface combatants into the Fleet, including the nation's first two Littoral Combat Ships; restarted production of the Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) Class guided missile destroyers; and begun design and construction of the Navy's next generation destroyer, the Zumwalt (DDG 1000) Class. In 2011 alone, he oversaw contract awards and options for an additional 26 ships, valued at \$12 billion. He has consistently encouraged innovation while driving implementation of best practices across his programs, resulting in the introduction of hybrid electric drive, common class-wide acquisition management processes, bold changes to acquisition strategies, major increases in design maturity, more efficient work sequencing, increased competition and smart buying practices. At the heart of his efforts has been a relentless drive to improve the strength, capability, and flexibility of our operating forces at the best possible value to the American public.

Mr. Summerall's contributions to our nation extend far beyond his material achievements and programmatic accomplishments. His unique ability to recognize talent and to foster respect and camaraderie throughout the workforce has had an enormous influence on our nation's next generation acquisition professionals and will continue to steer the course of our Navy well into the future.

Throughout his distinguished federal service career, Mr. Summerall has been honored with numerous awards for his service, including the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award, the Department of Defense Value Engineering Award and the Department of the Navy Competition and Procurement Excellence Award.

Mr. Summerall's tireless leadership and life-long commitment to the Navy's shipbuilding capability have earned him the deep respect of his peers and shipmates throughout the Navy acquisition and fleet support communities. It is, therefore, a pleasure to recognize him for his many contributions in a life devoted to our nation's security. I know my colleagues join me in wishing him and his wife Linda much happiness and fair winds and following seas as they begin a new chapter in their lives together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 74–79. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted no on H. Res. 563, yes on the Grijalva amendment to H.R. 2117, yes on the Bishop amendment to H.R. 2117, yes on the Polis amendment #5 to H.R. 2117, yes on the Democratic motion to recommit H.R. 2117 and no on final passage of H.R. 2117.

HONORING EDITH PITTENGER ON
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Edith Pittenger on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Edith was born in Pendleton, Indiana, on February 24, 1912. She went on to attend Ball State University in 1929, and later earned her masters degree in 1961. Edith enjoyed a long and satisfying career in teaching, having held positions in both Pendleton and Muncie.

Edith is blessed with excellent health and is still able to drive. She is also a long-time member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. She was married for 45 years and her loving family includes three children and a stepson, 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and another on the way.

As the Good Book says, "The elders [. . .] are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." And so today I honor Edith Pittenger for her lifetime and service and wish her the best in the years to come.

HONORING CLAY COUNTY
DETECTIVE DAVID WHITE

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clay County Detective David White who was killed in the line of duty on February 16, 2012 at age 35. Detective White and his partner, Detective Matt Hanlin, were in the process of breaking up a meth lab in Middleburg, Florida. Detective Hanlin was shot in the arm and is expected to recover. White is the first Clay County deputy shot on duty in nearly 40 years and the first killed in the line of duty since 1913. He is not only a hero as part of the Clay County Sheriff's Office, but also in his service as a specialist in the U.S. Army Reserve as a military police platoon team leader in deployments to Croatia, Bosnia and Iraq. He is survived by his wife and two children, ages 3 months and 2 years old; he and his family are in our prayers. David's life is a testament to the courage and sense of duty that men and women possess, who chose to dedicate their lives to defend us all. His tragic death is not in vain but a tribute to the highest ideals of self-sacrifice for freedom and justice. God Bless him.

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PASSING OF ANTHONY SHADID

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, last week the world lost an incredible journalist, and Oklahoma lost a son: Anthony Shadid. At the time of his death Anthony was covering the turmoil in Syria, despite the many attempts to limit media coverage of the violence. This attitude marked Anthony's entire career—he put the importance of sharing information before his personal safety. For 15 years, Anthony worked relentlessly to investigate and bring to light the events in the Middle East.

Anthony was a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner for his reporting on the US invasion of Iraq in 2004 and for the withdrawal of US troops six years later, but he transcended traditional reporting. He was unafraid as he pushed into the front lines, and he often faced dangerous situations head-on.

While Anthony Shadid will always be remembered for his courageous reporting, he also leaves behind a loving family. Anthony's wife, Nada Bakri, is also a reporter for the New York Times; Anthony also has two young children, Malik and Laila. Several members of his family remain in Oklahoma, including his cousin Ed Shadid, a city councilman in Oklahoma City.

My family's deepest sympathies go out to the Shadid's and everyone else whose life was touched by Anthony.

IN HONOR OF LARRY HORAN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my late father, State Senator Fred Farr, to honor the life of a dear family friend, Larry Horan, who died recently at the all too young age of eighty-two following a short illness. Larry became a dear personal friend of my father, and for much of my own life, was like an uncle to me. He was a skilled lawyer and devoted family man whose example of public service and dedication to others served as a model for everybody who has the good fortune to know him.

Larry and his wife of fifty-eight years, Jean, were both University of California graduates. They raised five children who in turn gave them twelve grandchildren. Larry and Jean's deep friendship with my late father made them almost a part of my own family, and I theirs. Indeed, as Larry's melanoma took hold, he and Jean approached my wife Shary to help them work the issues that they faced as the end of Larry's life neared. Horan was a devout Catholic who attended 8 a.m. Mass at the Carmelite Monastery virtually every day. I always knew Larry to be concerned about the others around him. It was never about Larry. I don't think he had a negative bone in his body.

Larry was an attorney for more than fifty years and one of the most respected in Monterey County. During a rich and full life, he directed the Peace Corps in three Central and

South American countries, was a regional director of President Johnson's War on Poverty, served on the board of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and was a leader of the Special Olympics. Horan's wide-ranging law practice included civil litigation, conservation easements, and land use among other areas. Upon graduation from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Larry signed on as a prosecutor in the Alameda County District Attorney's office. After five years as a prosecutor, my father, then state Sen. Fred Farr, lured Larry and his wife Jean to the Monterey Peninsula in 1960 to join his law firm. Their partnership and friendship lasted many years. The law partnership grew and transformed and has become one of the leading firms on the Central Coast, with the Horan name at the lead.

The Horans were great admirers of President John F. Kennedy, whose assassination in 1963 spurred them to change their lives. Following JFK's call to service, Larry and Jean became a Peace Corps family. With their four young children, Kevin, Kathleen, Maurine, and Stephen, they set out for Central America. Larry eventually served as agency director in El Salvador and Costa Rica and in Colombia, where their youngest daughter Laura was born and where I was already serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Medellin. Following the Peace Corps, Sargent Shriver tapped Larry to head the Western Regional office for President Johnson's War on Poverty. Later, Shriver asked Larry to establish and chair the Northern California Chapter of the Special Olympics.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in recognizing the contributions that Larry Horan made to make this world a better place. We offer our condolences to his family and friends. Those of us who had the good fortune to have known Larry are better people for the experience.

IN HONOR OF KAY HIND

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding community leader and good friend to me and the community of Albany, Georgia—Mrs. Kay Hind of the Southwest Georgia Council on Aging. On Thursday, February 23, 2012, the Georgia Council on Aging honored Mrs. Hind at a reception in the Georgia State Capitol Rotunda after she received the Distinguished Older Georgian Award on the floor of the Georgia House of Representatives.

The Distinguished Older Georgian Award was created in January 2003 by the Georgia Council on Aging and is bestowed to a Georgian who is at least 80 years of age and has made significant contributions to society through their occupational or volunteer efforts.

Mrs. Hind hails from Albany, Georgia and received her BS degree in Home Economics at the University of Georgia in 1951. After she graduated from college, Mrs. Hind worked as a Home Economist Extension Agent in Crawford County, Georgia and a year later she accepted a similar position in Lee County, Georgia.

For 44 years, Mrs. Hind has admirably served as the Executive Director of the Southwest Georgia Council on Aging, an agency that oversees programs for senior citizens in 14 counties in Southwest Georgia. This distinguished agency was incorporated in 1966 to address the needs of older people in Dougherty County, Georgia. Over the years, Mrs. Hind has successfully led the agency to meet the needs of the ever-increasing number of senior citizens living in southwest Georgia.

Due in large part to her successful professional career and her unyielding advocacy on behalf of America's seniors, Mrs. Hind has been recognized repeatedly for her occupational achievements. Mrs. Hind has received the Trailblazer Award from the 100 Black Men of Southwest Georgia; the Georgia Gerontology Society's John Tyler Mauldin Award; the Darton College Woman of Worth Award; and the Elsie Alvis Excellence in Aging Award. Additionally, she has served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging on four separate occasions.

Mrs. Hind has achieved numerous successes in her life, but none of this would have been possible without the support of her late husband of 39 years, Mr. John Carswell Hind and her three loving children—Richard, Ken and Gail.

On a personal note, Mrs. Hind has served as an advisor and friend to me for many years and she has frequently given me wise counsel and sound advice. I am especially grateful to her for her unyielding advocacy and ongoing efforts in trying to secure a new, state of the art senior center in Albany, Georgia. Her tireless efforts in fighting for this new facility is just one of the many reasons that people throughout the state of Georgia and across our country have come to admire and respect Mrs. Hind.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mrs. Kay Hind for her life of selfless service to the seniors and working families in Georgia and throughout our United States of America.

RECOGNITION OF THE PEACE
CORPS' 51ST ANNIVERSARY**HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Peace Corps on its 51st anniversary and to recognize the anniversary and to recognize the outstanding work the organization has done in its years of service. Since 1961, the Peace Corps has placed over 200,000 volunteers in 139 countries. While abroad, volunteers make significant contributions in developing nations through assistance with agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health, HIV/AIDS, youth development, and the environment.

I am honored to congratulate the Peace Corps. Currently, the Corps has over 9,000 volunteers throughout Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central America, South America, Europe, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East. As a member of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee I make a consistent effort to ensure the Peace Corps has adequate funding to fulfill its mission. Peace Corps volunteers have